

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R.** _____

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop objectives and performance measures for provision by the Department of Veterans Affairs of same-day services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. EMMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OBJEC-**
4 **TIVES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR**
5 **PROVISION OF SAME-DAY SERVICES.**

6 (a) OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—

7 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop quantifi-

1 able objectives and performance measures designed to as-
2 sess the effects of the provision of same-day services on
3 the access of veterans to medical care and mental health
4 services.

5 (b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the objectives
6 and performance measures under subsection (a), the Sec-
7 retary shall consult with the Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services, the Secretary of Defense, veterans serv-
9 ice organizations, and other appropriate Department and
10 non-Department stakeholders.

11 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
13 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of
14 the Senate and House of Representatives a report that
15 includes—

16 (1) the objectives and performance measures
17 developed under subsection (a);

18 (2) recommendations and best practices for the
19 implementation of same-day services throughout the
20 Veterans Health Administration and the reduction
21 of veteran suicide rates.

22 (d) PERIODIC ASSESSMENTS.—Not later than [date
23 to be provided] each year, the Secretary shall conduct an
24 assessment of each medical center and community-based
25 outpatient clinic of the Department. Such assessments

1 shall be made publicly available on a website of the De-
2 partment.